

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the Summary of the Invention beginning on page 6, line 3 and replace with the following:

The present invention provides a method, system, and apparatus for controlling the behavior of an application through a device or device subtype in a logical volume manager. The device or device subtype specified during the creation of the logical volume is used to signal to an application that the application can perform a particular behavior. For example, the logical volume manager allows a device or device subtype to be specified when creating a logical volume. The particular device type or subtype specified during logical volume creation may signal to an application that the application, when writing data to a storage device, may write data to the LVCB area within the logical volume. Thus, the application may overwrite the metadata contained within the LVCB. Normally, an application will skip over the LVCB area of the logical volume manager. The present invention allows for creating device types or subtypes to be used when creating a logical volume. These alternate device types and subtypes provide a signal to an application that the application can behave in a new way defined by the device type and subtype.

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Thus, the present invention provides a mechanism for allowing the device type or subtype specified during the creation of the logical volume to signal to an application that the application can perform a particular behavior. For example, a particular device type or subtype selected may signal to an application that the application, when writing data to a storage device, may write data to the LVCB area within the logical volume. Normally, an application will skip over the LVCB area of the logical volume manager. The present invention allows the application to overwrite the metadata contained within the LVCB.